

**Tenuta Le Calcinai – Simone Santini**

**The estate is certified organic for viticulture since the 2001 vintage. Since 2008 the estate is also certified by the US NOP (National Organic Program) for wine produced with organically grown grapes.**

**SOME INFORMATION ON ORGANIC VITICULTURE IN ITALY**

In Italy organic viticulture follows the European Legislation on organic agriculture (EEC Regulation 2092/91) which is very precise. The allowed cultivation techniques, fertilizers and pest and disease control products are listed.

At present the European Union does not foresee regulations on vinification.

Furthermore, in Italy the estates that carry out organic viticulture have not drawn up a common protocol for vinification as the one that has been drawn up in France.

In order to obtain a certification for organic viticulture a “conversion phase” of three years from conventional to organic viticulture is foreseen. During this phase the estate must follow the guidelines for organic viticulture. This is to make sure that no more (or a minimal quantity of) residues of chemical products are found in the soil when the estate is actually certified organic.

In Italy the estates that are certified organic can only state "vino ottenuto (o prodotto) da uve da agricoltura biologica" (“wine obtained – or produced – with grapes from organic agriculture) on the label.